IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11-14, and 23-33 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein, and amend claims 1-3, 5, 7, 10, and 15-22, as indicated in the following claim listing.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Composition~~ A composition comprising:

(a) a first element comprising a nucleic acid of interest under the control of an inducible promoter comprising ~~a~~ at least one PPAR response element, and a minimal transcriptional promoter[[,]]; and

(b) a second element comprising a nucleic acid encoding a PPAR under the control of a transcriptional promoter~~, for their use simultaneously, separately or spaced out over time.~~

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Composition~~ A composition according to [[Claim]] claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises in addition~~ further comprising[[:

(c)]] a ligand for PPAR~~, for a use simultaneously, separately or spaced out over time.~~

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Composition~~ A composition according to [[Claim]] claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein elements (a) and (b) are carried by distinct genetic constructs, or are assembled in the same genetic construct.

4. (Cancelled)

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5. (Currently Amended) ~~Composition~~ The composition according to [[Claim]] claim 3 ~~or 4, characterized in that~~ wherein the genetic construct is a plasmid or viral vector.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Composition~~ The composition according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one PPAR response element comprises one or more PPAR-binding sites.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Composition~~ The composition according to ~~Claims~~ claim 7 ~~to 9~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one PPAR response element comprises up to 30 binding sites~~, preferably from 3 to 20, more preferably from 5 to 15~~.

11. - 14. (Cancelled)

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15. (Currently Amended) ~~Composition~~ The composition according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 14~~ claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the nucleic acid encoding a PPAR encodes a PPARα or a PPARγ.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Composition~~ The composition according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the nucleic acid encoding a PPAR encodes a modified PPAR comprising several ligand-binding sites.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Composition~~ The composition according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 16, characterized in that it comprises, in addition,~~ claim 1 or 2, further comprising an element (d) comprising a nucleic acid encoding an RXR under the control of a transcriptional promoter.

18. (Currently Amended) A vector ~~Vector~~ comprising an element (a) and an element (b) according to Claim 1.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~Vector~~ The vector according to Claim 18, characterized in that the elements (a) and (b) are in the opposite orientation on the vector.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~Vector~~ The vector according to [[Claim]] claim 18 or 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inducible promoter of the element (a) and the transcriptional

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promoter of the element (b) are assembled in the vector to form a ~~regulable~~ regulatable bidirectional promoter.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~Vector according to Claim 20;~~ A vector ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising, in the ~~5'-3' direction~~ following order, a first nucleic acid encoding a PPAR, a first minimal transcriptional promoter controlling the expression of [[the]] said first nucleic acid, one or more PPAR response elements, a second minimal transcriptional promoter and, ~~under the control of the said second minimal transcriptional promoter,~~ a second nucleic acid encoding a product of interest under the control of said second minimal transcriptional promoter, wherein said one or more PPAR response elements are operably linked to both of said first and said second minimal transcriptional promoters.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~Vector~~ The vector according to ~~one of Claims 18 to 21~~ claim 18, ~~characterized in that it comprises, in addition, an element (d) according to Claim 17~~ further comprising a nucleic acid encoding an RXR under the control of a transcriptional promoter.

23. - 33. (Cancelled)

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